

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2035**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Judiciary Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 7 and 21 of section 53-06.1-01,  
2 subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-03, subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-10.1, and  
3 subdivision c of subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating  
4 to the definitions of an educational organization and public-spirited organization, and raffles; and  
5 to provide for application.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 7 and 21 of section 53-06.1-01 of the North  
8 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

9 7. "Educational organization" means a nonprofit public or private elementary or  
10 secondary school, two-year or four-year college, or university. The term includes a  
11 collegiate athletic organization and an educational public service organization when  
12 providing educational activities.

13 21. "Public-spirited organization" means an organization ~~whose~~the primary purpose of  
14 which is for scientific research, ~~amateur sports competition, safety, literary literature,~~  
15 arts, preservation of cultural heritage, ~~educational activities, educational public service,~~  
16 youth, ~~economic development, tourism, community medical care, community~~  
17 ~~recreation, or similar organization, which does not meet the definition of any other type~~  
18 ~~of eligible organization. However, a nonprofit organization or a group of people~~  
19 ~~recognized as a public-spirited organization by a governing body of a city or county for~~  
20 ~~obtaining a permit does not need to meet this definition~~any other organization, or  
21 group recognized by a governing body of a city or county, organized and operated not  
22 for pecuniary profit or gain but for the primary purpose of improving or alleviating a  
23 condition of public concern within the state or conferring a direct benefit on the  
24 community at large. The term does not include a nonprofit club, association, or

organization, the primary purpose of which is to provide a direct benefit to its officers  
or members.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 1 of section 53-06.1-03 of the  
North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. ~~An organization recognized as a~~ public-spirited organization or group  
recognized by the governing body of a city or county may apply for permits. A  
local permit may allow the organization to conduct only raffles, bingo, or sports  
pools. A restricted event permit may allow the organization to conduct only raffles,  
bingo, sports pools, paddlewheels, twenty-one, and poker. The organization or  
closely related organizations as a whole may only award a primary prize that  
does not exceed eight thousand dollars and total prizes of all games do not  
exceed forty thousand dollars per year. These maximum prize amounts do not  
apply to raffles conducted under chapter 20.1-08. ~~The determination of what is a~~  
~~"public-spirited organization" is within the sole discretion of the governing body.~~  
An organization shall disclose on the application its intended use of the net  
income from the gaming activity. A governing body may issue a permit for games  
to be held at designated times and places.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-10.1 of the North Dakota  
Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The maximum cash prize limits of this section do not apply to ~~a public-spirited~~ an  
educational organization that supports amateur collegiate athletics.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision c of subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-11.1 of the  
North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- c. Uses benefiting an indefinite number of persons by bringing them under the  
influence of education, cultural programs, or religion which include disbursements  
to provide:
- (1) Scholarships for students, if the disbursement is deposited in a scholarship  
fund for defraying the cost of education to students and the scholarships are  
awarded through an open and fair selection process.
  - (2) Supplementary assistance to a public or private nonprofit educational  
institution registered with or accredited by any state.

- 1                   (3) Assistance to libraries and museums.
- 2                   (4) Assistance for the performing arts and humanities.
- 3                   (5) Preservation of cultural heritage.
- 4                   (6) Youth community, and social welfare, ~~and athletic~~ activities.
- 5                   (7) ~~Adult amateur athletic activities within the state, including team uniforms-~~
- 6                   ~~and equipment.~~
- 7                   ~~(8)~~ Maintenance of places of public worship or support of a body of
- 8                   communicants, gathered in common membership for mutual support and
- 9                   edification in piety, worship, or religious observances.
- 10                  ~~(9)~~(8) Scientific research.

11           **SECTION 5. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to an eligible organization applying for or  
12   renewing a license after the effective date of this Act.